THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

W.P.No.26967 of 2005

Date:23.12.2005

K.Ramanaiah.

--------PETITIONER

The Depot Manager.

---------RESPONDENT

ORDER:

The petitioner is a Driver in APSRTC, Siddipet Depot. On 23.11.2005, he was on the duty of a service from Siddipet to Mumbai and he was entrusted with the work of issuing tickets also. When the check was effected at 17.15 hours, it was found that the petitioner failed to issue ticket to a passenger, who boarded at the earlier stage. On that ground, the respondent issued orders, dated 09.12.2005, placing the petitioner under suspension. The same is challenged in this writ petition.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondent.

The petitioner stated several facts that led to the failure to notice the passenger, who boarded the bus when the check took place. This Court is not inclined to deal with those aspects of the matter at this stage. The question as to whether there was any lapse on the part of the petitioner, needs to be considered in the disciplinary proceedings. The interests of the petitioner can be protected by expediting the departmental enquiry.

Hence, the Writ Petition is disposed of, directing the respondent to conclude the disciplinary proceedings against the petitioner, within a period of two (2) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. In case, the proceedings are not concluded by that time, the respondent shall consider the feasibility of reinstating the petitioner, if it is not going to be prejudicial to the interests of the organization. There shall be no order as to costs.

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